

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to make reference to the PCT application from which this case derives.

Claims 19 and 26-30 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Withdrawal of the rejection is submitted to be in order in view of the above-noted claim revisions and comments that follow.

Claims 19 and 30 have been revised to more clearly indicate that the 2'-hydroxyl is esterified as otherwise defined in the claims. The "singular" language now used is consistent with the language of, for example, claims 20-25 which the Examiner has not rejected. Accordingly, reconsideration is requested.

Claims 43-46 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as allegedly being obvious over Martin et al. Cancellation of claims 43-46, without prejudice, moots the rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration is requested.

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This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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